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A regular meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order by Mayor Rosemarie Ives at 7:34 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers present were: Cole, McCormick, Misener, and Plackett.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced the following changes to the agenda:

- Staff report on mosquito control was postponed to the May 20, 2003 Council meeting
- Add - briefing from staff on City Hall process
- Add to the executive session following the regular meeting an item on property acquisition for approximately five minutes

RECOGNITION

The Mayor recognized former Councilmember Fred Meitzer, who passed away last week. The Mayor and the Council extended their sympathy to Mr. Meitzer's family and friends. The memorial service is Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at Acacia Funeral Home.

EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBERS DORNING, PAINE AND ROBINSON

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Mr. Cole, to excuse Councilmembers Dorning, Paine, and Robinson. Motion carried unanimously (4 - 0).

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Sue Stewart, 10711 183 Avenue NE, referenced the article in the *King County Journal* about the Council tabling consideration of changes to the public comment period at Council meetings. She said the public comment process is the opportunity for citizens to offer their opinions for the public record. She concluded there is probably some room to make some changes, but urged the Council to remember that the voice of the public needs to be acknowledged.

Henry Hair, 14120 NE 21 Street, Bellevue 98008, representing SRI Sports, Northwest Regional Office of Synthetic Turf, said the turf being considered for Perrigo Park is not the same as the turf at the Grass Lawn Park. He compared his product to the proposed product. He stated the Perrigo Park project is primarily for soccer, and the governing body for soccer certified his company's synthetic turf product, and it is also in use on numerous fields locally, nationally, and throughout the world. In addition, he noted that his company's product is a superior product and costs less. He asked the Council to table approval of the award of bid for the Perrigo Park Project until staff can evaluate the product.

Josh Reddeman-Beach, 15817 NE 90 Street, Apartment H-1163, spoke about the cost of the West Lake Sammamish Parkway improvement project. He said the cost to put a bike lane on the east side of West Lake Sammamish Parkway is small compared to the price for safety. He explained that if the entire project were to prevent one fatality or injury accident, it would be worth it. He showed the Council his helmet from an accident he suffered while riding his bicycle, in which he received a concussion and could not remember what happened. He concluded that completing the West Lake Sammamish Parkway project as designed will turn community liability into an asset.

Arnold Tomac remembered Fred Meitzer from their days together on the City Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced a public meeting on the West Lake Sammamish Parkway project on Monday, April 21, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

The Mayor recognized April 19 - 26, 2003 as a time of celebration of literary works in Redmond - R.A.S.P. (Redmond Association of Spoken Word), whose goal is to make sure the literary arts are alive in the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Mr. Misener, to approve the following items of the Consent Agenda:

(1) approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 1, 2003

(2) approve the following payroll/direct deposit and claims checks:

PAYROLL/DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECKS:

#154625 through 154735; and
#108389 through 108935 \$1,071,241.89

CLAIMS CHECKS:

#204172 through 204593 \$1,536,069.78

(3) appoint Gordon Bluechel and Kimberly Allen to the Planning Commission

(4) approve the final contract with PBI Construction, Inc., Spokane, Washington,

for the base bid amount of \$215,015 plus change orders and bid item quantity increases and decreases, resulting in a final contract amount of \$213,546.47; and accept construction of the Redmond Teen Center Renovations, Project No. 01-CI-03, as of April 15, 2003

(5) approve the final contract amount with Dennis R. Craig Construction, Inc., Redmond, Washington, for the base bid amount of \$197,473.37 plus change orders and bid item quantity increases and decreases, resulting in a final contract amount of \$196,471.74; and accept construction of the 154 Avenue NE Improvements, Project No. 01-CI-17, as of April 15, 2003

(7) approve award of bid for the 148 Avenue NE/NE 40 Street Intersection Safety Improvements, Project No. 99-CI-15, to West Coast Construction, Woodinville, Washington, for the total amount bid of \$970,197.10; and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract

(9) appoint the recommended members of the Citizen Advisory Committee for the Grass Lawn Neighborhood Plan Update

(10) authorize the allocation of \$156,309 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, including \$41,918 in Year 2001 and \$114,391 in Year 2002 CDBG funds to the Eastside Housing Association as recommended through the ARCH Spring 2002 Housing Trust Fund Round.

Motion carried unanimously (4 - 0).

OATH OF OFFICE

James E. Haney, City Attorney, administered the Oath of Office to Planning Commissioner Kimberly Allen. Gordon Bluechel was out of town and will be sworn at a later time.

AWARD OF BID, PERRIGO PARK, PROJECT NO. 95-CI-80

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the City Council dated April 15, 2003, reported that in 1989, Redmond voters approved a park bond in which funds were allocated for the acquisition of land for a new community park. The site selected and

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subsequently named Perrigo Community Park is located southwest of the intersection of NE 95 Street and 196 Avenue NE and encompasses 26.5 acres. She recommended approval of the award of bid.

Councilmember Plackett asked for clarification on whether the turf recommended by staff is the same as the turf at Grass Lawn Park. Greg Byszeski, Park Operations Manager, said the turf is the same as that at Grass Lawn Park.

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Ms. Plackett, to approve award of bid for the Perrigo Community Park, Project No. 95-CI-80, to BNCC, Inc., Steilacoom, Washington, for the total amount bid of \$3,005,360 plus Alternate Nos. 2, 4, 6, and 7 (\$1,332,000) plus Washington State sales tax, and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. Motion carried unanimously (4 - 0).

2003 HOTEL-MOTEL TAX FUND AWARDS

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the City Council dated April 15, 2003, recommended approval of grants to The Redmond Historical, RedmondLights, Second Story Repertory, and the 2003 Redmond Community Float.

Councilmember Cole recommended approving all of the awards except the one to RedmondLights. He reminded the Council of the discussion several months ago about using the money to light city buildings.

Motion by Mr. Cole, second by Ms. Plackett, to approve the recommendations of the Tourism Promotion Funding Review Committee regarding grant awards for the first round of funding in 2003, except for the RedmondLights. Motion carried unanimously (4 - 0).

REPORTS

Staff Report - City Hall Process

Mike Paul, Public Works Engineer, reported that six proposals were received and were screened down to four finalists who will make presentations to and answer questions from the Council. Mr. Paul handed out the proposals to the Council. He said staff would be developing some questions that the Council may choose to ask the proposers.

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The Council agreed to start the April 22, 2003 study session at 6:15 p.m. with the presentations to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Cole was concerned about the last three presenters having an advantage by being able to hear the first presentation. James E. Haney, City Attorney, responded that because of the Open Meetings Act the public is welcome to attend, including any of the presenters.

The Council discussed the possibility of not televising the April 22, 2003 study session, but did not make a decision to alter their current practice.

The Mayor noted that later this evening the Council would draw numbers to determine the order of the presentations.

The Council agreed not to talk to any of the presenters prior to the meeting.

COUNCIL EMAIL POLICY

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the City Council dated April 15, 2003, outlined the options before the Council.

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Mr. Misener, to approve the email policy changes so that those Councilmembers who want to continue using the city's email system can do so, and those who find the system cumbersome can have the city email routed to home computers for easier use (off-system alternative).

The Mayor said in Kirkland and Bellevue the City Council participates on the city system because doing so facilitates the archiving of email, which can be problematic for staff in maintaining the public record.

Motion carried unanimously (4 - 0).

RESOLUTION - DISTRIBUTION OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Motion by Mr. Cole, second by Ms. McCormick, to approve Resolution No. 1170, regarding when the Mayor's preliminary budget is distributed to the Council.

Resolution No. 1170, requesting the filing of the Mayor's preliminary budget with the City Clerk no later than the second Tuesday in September before the beginning of the fiscal biennium, was presented and read.

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Upon a poll of the Council, Cole, McCormick, Misenar, and Plackett voted aye. Motion carried unanimously (4 - 0).

The Mayor provided the Council with facts about budgets back to 1985, noting that in all cases the administration has worked closely with the Council President and the Public Administration and Finance Committee Chair to set the budget calendar. She added that last year the Council received the Preliminary Budget on October 8, 2002, but other Eastside cities received their budgets much later.

OMBUDSMAN REPORT

Councilmembers McCormick and Cole were contacted regarding a proposed crosswalk near Redmond High School.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Councilmember Plackett said she made comments at the joint meeting with the Bellevue City Council on April 14, 2003 concerning the lack of park space for tenants at the Village at Overlake.

Councilmember Plackett reported that she attended a breakfast at the Crisis Clinic where Redmond was presented a plaque in appreciation of funding.

The Council drew numbers for the order of presentations for the City Hall project on April 22, 2003:

1. Langley Properties/Bentall Group
2. M. A. Mortensen
3. Opus Northwest
4. Wright Runstad

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor recessed the meeting at 8:36 p.m. and the Council held an executive session on labor negotiations for approximately twenty minutes, and on property acquisition for approximately five minutes. There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK